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SUBJ: FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF UNLEADED GASOLINE IN MEXICO

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1. ALTHOUGH ENFORCEMENT OF CLEAN AIR STANDARDS REQUIRING
INSTALLATION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS IN AUTOMOBILES HAS
BEEN DEFERRED FROM 1975 TO 1976 MODEL YEAR, BY CONGRES-
SIONAL ACTION, CERTAIN U.S. AUTO MANUFACTURERS WILL BE
INSTALLING CONVERTERS ON 1975 MODEL CARS. GENERAL MOTORS
PLANS TO SO EQUIP ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF ITS 1975 CARS AND
OTHER MANUFACTURERS WILL SO EQUIP SOME MODELS.

2. EPA IS THEREFORE STANDING BY ITS EARLIER REQUIREMENT
THAT ALL SERVICE STATIONS DOING MORE THAN A SPECIFIC
VOLUME OF BUSINESS HAVE AT LEAST ONE PUMP DISPENSING
LEAD-FREE GASOLINE BY JUNE 30, 1974. SINCE SIGNIFICANT
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PORTION OF 1975 AUTOMOBILES WILL HAVE CATALYTIC

CONVERTERS, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES CAN ANTICIPATE SOME
DEMAND FOR LEAD-FREE FUEL BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1974.

3. MORE SPECIFIC PROJECTIONS CONCERNING LIKELY LEVELS
OF DEMAND DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE BECAUSE OF VAGARIES OF
GENERAL FUEL SHORTAGE AND ITS IMPACT ON MOTOR TOURISM.
FOR EXAMPLE, MANY TOURISTS WHO FORMERLY DROVE TO MEXICO

MAY CHOOSE NOW TO FLY AND RENT CARS IN MEXICO OR TO STAY
HOME. EPA WILLING TO TRY TO PROVIDE MORE PRECISE DATA
ON THIS SUBJECT IF GOM DESIRES. KISSINGER

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